



Sunrise Table Tennis Club, Inc
A 501(c)(3) Public Charity Organization

**MEETING
MINUTES**

December 27, 2015
Martin's House

Members Attending:

Martin Shapiro, *President*
Bill Robbins, *Vice President*
Carolyn Adams, *Secretary*
Igor Bubis, *Publicity*
John Reynolds, *Membership*

ABBS Attending:

Ty Hoff and Rudy Santo

Meeting called to order at 11:05 a.m.

Martin welcomed the two new BOD members, John Reynolds and Igor Bubis and the two ABBS members.

Old Business:

In 2016 for our Junior Merit Awards program we are awarding a \$250 prize to each of the first four Juniors to meet the criteria we set.

We discussed the criteria that Rudy suggested. It was determined that the criteria must be quantifiable and to that end we voted unanimously on the following:

1. Junior player shall submit an essay of at least 250 words that explains sportsmanship and tells why it is important. Give three examples of good sportsmanship in table tennis. This is a one-time submittal.
2. Play in four tournaments a year conducted by a USATT affiliated club. One USATT sanctioned, two STTC tournaments . Four altogether.
3. 20 hours of coaching by an STTC coach and verified by the coach.
4. Maintain STTC and USATT memberships.
5. Do club service/ volunteer. Help at tournaments or at other club activities and maintain a good attitude. Verified by a club coach or a club Officer.
6. Checklist of Skills, verified by a club coach or umpire. Demonstrate the following:
 - a. Legal serve
 - b. Return of serve
 - c. Forehand
 - d. Backhand
 - e. Keep score
7. Take a multiple choice quiz on table tennis etiquette and pass with 80%. (Quiz to be developed by Rudy).



Unfinished Business

Tables from Long Center that are now in garages need to be moved. Martin has a meeting with Largo Rec Center tomorrow. Greenwood Rec Center is out. They do not have sufficient storage. The Vietnamese Club wants tables if Largo falls through.

Keith no longer wants to run the Summer Camp program. John Reynolds was tasked with finding a replacement and volunteers for the Summer Camp program.

New Business

Martin discussed finances for 2015. We operated at approx.. a \$1000 loss. Projections for next year, including getting the \$5000 from Bright Sunrise Campaign, and counting all planned 2016 programs, leave us with a projected \$1000 loss for 2016.

Since we cannot require membership, we will continue to receive free court rentals for our sanctioned tournaments from Long Center until we recover our membership revenues to pre-2014 levels. Our discounted cost for a court rental, which currently applies to the Dr Dan tournaments, is \$35/hr. We also get the first court free as Shaun considers this just an extension of our normal Saturday hours. The dates for the Open tournaments are locked in, but we can be bumped out for our Dr Dan tournaments if a full-paying customer wants to rent the courts. Our tournaments need to earn money and not just break even. Pricing of tournaments and membership was discussed.

Martin did a mailing for the Bright Sunrise Campaign to 118 current and past Members, mailed out on the 22nd. The first donation from the mailing, for \$100, arrived on the 26th. Martin anticipates generating \$500 to \$1000 in donations from this mailing. Leurene is expected to collect the annual sponsor donation from Dr Dan as part of the Campaign, probably matching the \$1,250 from last time. There are currently no other Corporate Sponsors making cash donations.

Membership will stay the same for this year. A junior membership of \$25 was added. A daily pass/visitor fee of \$15 for adult (non-members) who are taking lessons from our coaches was added. The fee applies to juniors as well, but not for the first lesson. Club membership or the daily pass is required for anyone taking private lessons from our club coaches using our equipment. These proposals were unanimously passed.

It was proposed that we fund all planned STTC club programs for 2016, as described in our Bright Sunrise Campaign, even if it means using our monetary reserves (currently a little more than \$12,000.00). After discussion, it passed unanimously.

Clear Open tournament pricing needs to be in line with other club pricing. \$45 will be the price for the November tournament. \$35 for juniors. Format discussed. Is the giant round robin the winning format and should we also do that? Ultimately up to the tournament director.

The Mission of the Sunrise Table Tennis Club is to facilitate education in the sport of table tennis by providing the members of the Club and the community of Pinellas County the resources, scheduled play and programs for training, regular practice and competition in the sport of table tennis.



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Ty Hoff made the case that the Dr. Dan tournaments desperately need a price increase as they are ridiculously far below the national average for a non-rated tournament.

We voted unanimously to increase the fees for Dr. Dan for 2016. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, \$5 for junior members, \$10 for junior non-members. \$10 for doubles-only for members, \$15 for doubles-only for non-members. Ty indicated that the new fees were still well below the average.

Officer compensation was discussed. We receive two city PlayPasses at no cost per year from Long Center. Igor gets one. It was proposed that Keith, as tournament director, be given the other; this was passed unanimously under the condition that Keith agree to run all our tournaments for the year. Any club Officer is eligible for a PlayPass at the \$88/year rate, per the agreements with Shaun at the Long Center.

Sam Surdi was nominated as Fundraising Officer. It passed unanimously, effective upon his acceptance.

Martin asked for suggestions for interim officer positions. No changes were made.

Martin explained the website Forum. We will use it to conduct business between the officers.

The club is looking for a printer and computer to use at tournaments. Igor may have a computer to donate.

January 5th is the deadline for Annual Reports to be given to Martin and Carolyn.

Ty suggested that we initiate informal round robins during regular club play for members. Non members are encouraged to join the club to participate.

For Senior Clinics and for clinics Yani may be running, (clinics that are partially subsidized by the club) a member can only participate in five clinics max per year.

John R. will get a new lock for the cupboard at Long Center. We are missing balls and nets.

Igor encouraged us to go to the STTC Facebook page and like it.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.